

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings.

1. (Currently Amended) A positive active material comprising:
particles comprising a compound oxide of lithium; and
a transition metal,
wherein,
the compound oxide ~~having~~ of lithium has a layered structure[[,]] with a coating layer comprising an inorganic compound and a carbonaceous material ~~being~~ formed on at least part of each surface of the particles, and
the inorganic compound comprises a compound oxide of at least one selected from the group of LiFePO₄, Li₃PO₄, LiAlO_x, Li₄Ti₅O₁₂, Al₂O₃, TiO₂ and MgO.
2. (Original) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic compound is a lithium compound.
3. (Original) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the inorganic compound to the carbonaceous material ranges between 99:1 and 60:40.
4. (Original) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the particles to the coating layers ranges between 98:2 and 70:30.
5. (Currently Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising:
a negative active material; ~~and~~
a positive active material comprising particles comprising a compound oxide of lithium and a transition metal, the compound oxide of lithium having a layered structure[[,]] with a coating layer comprising an inorganic compound and a carbonaceous material ~~being~~ formed on at least part of each surface of the particles, the inorganic compound comprising a compound oxide of at least one selected from the group of LiFePO₄, Li₃PO₄, LiAlO_x, Li₄Ti₅O₁₂, Al₂O₃, TiO₂ and MgO; and
a nonaqueous electrolyte between the negative and positive active materials.